First Phase of National Expressway

†2457. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the first phase of National Expressway is going to be completed;

(b) the details of the amount spent so far alongwith the distance covered in Kms. and the places through which it will pass; and

(c) by when it would be opened for public and the starting and ending points thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) to (c) The first phase of National Expressway i.e. Ahmedabad-Vadodara Expressway Phase-I (km. 00 at Ahmedabad to km. 43.4 at Nadiad) stands completed and opened to traffic. The expenditure for Phase-I is Rs. 189 crore.The total distance covered is 43.4 km from Ahmedabad to Nadiad.

Sickness of SSIs

† 2458. SHRI LAJPAT RAI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently conducted any survey to ascertain the reasons for sickness of the small scale industries during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(c) the percentage of the units assessed to be rendered sick due to each of these reasons?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) to (c) Government have not conducted any specific survey to ascertain the reasons for sickness of the Small Scale Industries (SSIs) during the Ninth Five Year Plan. However, the Government have conducted

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